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Earth Day!

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Stepanek and Mrs. Jaconelli at Chris Hadfield Public School were outside on April 22, Earth Day, helping to pick up litter in the school yard, and the vacant field next door.

The whole school participated in the clean-up, with older classes leaving the school grounds and picking up litter in parks and along roadsides – but the kindergarten kids had a special goal.

They are participating in the Classroom Energy Diet Challenge, sponsored by Shell and Canadian Geographic.

The challenge is open to classrooms from Kindergarten to Grade 12, Feb. 1 through April 27, and asks kids to complete 25 energy-themed challenges, focusing on energy conservation and awareness.

So far, the JK-SK kids have completed at least seven of the challenges, including the "Community Connection" getting out on Earth Day to participate in the clean-up of their community.

They also saved energy by turning off their lights for a day, tracked where garbage goes and how to reduce it,



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Kindergarten kids in Mrs. Stepanek's class pick up litter for Earth Day, at Chris Hadfield Public School.

and learned about carbon footprint and photosynthesis, by planting seeds and watching them grow.

In the "Recycle, Reuse and Regift" category, they held a Toy Swap on March 31. They read an article in a

newspaper, on energy conservation, and wrote a Letter to the Editor in response. And as part of "Post It," they created art out of recyclables found in the Blue Bin.

It's been fun, and an education – and has helped to

promote the idea, as Mrs. Stepanek says, that "every day should be Earth Day."

The kindergarten kids are also hoping to get 150 people to sign a pledge, promising to reduce their energy consumption, for transpor-

tation or home energy use, or their water consumption. To take the pledge, and help the Kindergarten kids meet their challenge, see <http://energydiet.canadian-geographic.ca/2016/main/pledge/5803>.

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Bradford house fire

Around 6:30 p.m. on April 24, Mark Everett was at the BBQ outside his Essa St. home, when he saw a wisp of smoke, coming from a neighbour's shed. Going over to investigate, he spotted a chair in flames inside the structure, and immediately ran over to knock on the door of the neighbouring home, to warn the residents.

But within 30 seconds, Everett says, the whole shed was in flames.

Natalie Price called 911 to report the blaze. "It was scary," she says. Not only were there huge flames, she could hear the sound of propane tanks

blowing up, and the heat was intense enough to melt the siding on her home. "I honestly felt panic."

The fire started in the shed but quickly spread to the eaves of the bungalow at 154 Essa St., and into the roof. The building is rented, with a family of 4 on the main level, neighbours say, and at least 2 people in the basement apartment.

The upstairs tenants were away at the time, but returned home just as firefighters arrived.

Fire crews used an aerial ladder truck to help extinguish the blaze, and poured water

into attic area where trusses were smouldering. The shed was totally gutted; the interior of the home suffered fire, smoke and water damage.

Asked about the cause of the fire, Fire Chief Kevin Gallant said, "We believe it was smoking related...An accidental fire."

Gallant said there was structural damage to the trusses, and extensive water damage throughout the building. He estimated the losses at \$150,000.

The two families that were displaced have taken shelter with relatives.



PAUL NOVOSAD/PHOTOGRAPHY

Flames spread from a shed into a home on Essa St. in Bradford, Ont. on Monday April 25, 2016.

Home assessments in county up 9.1%

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The average assessed value of a home in Simcoe County has gone up 4.3%, from 2012 to 2016.

The average value of a home in Bradford West Gwillimbury has gone up 9.1%.

Kelan Jylha, Account Manager with MPAC, the agency that provides current value assessments for properties in

Ontario, was in BWG Council on April 19, to provide an update of both the new assessments, released on April 4, and an updated website that, he said, will provide more "transparency" for property owners.

The increase assessment - \$139,000 for an "average" home in BWG - will be phased in over a four-year period, Jylha noted.

"There are no surprises...

Everybody understands where we're getting these property values from," he said. New online tools also provide more information on market trends, at the neighbourhood level.

Councillor Mark Contois challenged the 9.1% increase in assessment. "Did the provincial government ever take into consideration there are retirees who want to live in their homes? This is crazy," Contois said. "You have to

allow people to live in their own homes...No-one is going to be able to afford the taxes."

But Councillor Garry Lamb suggested "the ball is in our court" - that it is up to local council to ensure that as the tax assessment climbs, it is offset by a drop in the tax rate.

"Every municipality is different. It behooves us to keep our spending under control," Lamb said. He also urged residents to check carefully,

to make sure that there are no errors in the square footage, or other criteria on which the assessment is based. "It may be absolutely wacky!" "We're looking to them to contact us if it isn't correct," agreed Jylha. "We will work with them to get the value right...If the information on your file is incorrect, let us know."

Residential property owners have 120 days from the "issue date" (April 4) to file an appeal

and a Request for Reassessment.

"Hopefully our residents will take note that there is an opportunity to appeal," said Mayor Bob Keffer.

Councillor Contois wasn't appeased. "The only reason Ontario set up MPAC is so the province doesn't have to pay for (municipal) infrastructure," he said, suggesting it was time to "draw the line" on assessments.



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Dutch Liberation Day

May 5 is Netherlands Liberation Day, or Bevrijdingsdag, celebrating the end of Nazi occupation of Holland in 1945.

Every year, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury holds a flag-raising ceremony for Dutch Liberation Day at the Courthouse, bringing together

citizens of Dutch heritage, members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 521, and the community at large. This year, the flag-raising will take place on Saturday, May 7, at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend, and to enjoy coffee at Dutch Treats, 15 Holland St. East, following the ceremony.

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A voice for the Latin community

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Latin Group (TLG) Inc. brought a splash of colour to Bradford West Gwillimbury council on April 19, to promote Spanish culture and this summer's inaugural Hola Latin Fiesta.

Adriana Salinas McNeill, manager of Bradford Jewellery & Gems, and owner of a hairstyling business, wore the traditional costume of Colombia, her native country, as she introduced TLG Inc. and its members – her brother, internationally acclaimed celebrity and TV personality Gastano Salinas, his wife Liliana Hernandez, and journalist and broadcaster Santiago Oseguera. They were joined by Courtney Augustine and Ayesha Pierre, wearing the costumes they designed for Toronto's Caribana Festival.

The goal of The Latin Group is to unite Spanish speaking residents of

Simcoe County, and celebrate Latin, Caribbean and Mexican culture in Bradford West Gwillimbury, through events that will include Hola Latin Fiesta on July 16 at the Portuguese Cultural Centre, a Colombian Independence Day flag raising on July 23, and a Mexican Independence Day event in September, engaging guest farm workers in the Holland Marsh.

TLG Inc. is also willing to work with other groups that want to be recognized and celebrate their cultures – and will be entirely self-funded.

"We are not asking for money," Salinas McNeill told council. "We are here as a resource for the community." She invited councillors to attend Hola Latin, and "experience a Fiesta of Latin passion!"

"As a member of Bradford West Gwillimbury Diversity Group, it is our intention to promote any event that brings the community together," said Councillor Raj Sandhu. "Hope this grows – and best wishes to you!"



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From left, introducing The Latin Group Inc., Courtney Augustine, Ayesha Pierre in costume, Adrianna Salinas McNeill and Liliana Hernandez at council.

Tender awarded for SEAR

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has awarded the tender for construction of the Southeast Arterial Road (SEAR) – the section of ring road at the east end of Bradford, that will connect Holland St./Bridge St. with Simcoe Rd. – to low bidder, Trisan Construction, in the amount of \$8,103,797.57 plus applicable taxes.

The construction project includes not only a new road and new intersection at Luxury and Simcoe, but twin sanitary force mains, storm sewers, box culverts, the realignment of the municipal drainage, and a new connection to Holland St. East.

Overall, the project is expected to come to \$14,424,095 (including HST), thanks in part to property acquisition costs of \$4.3 million.

Council, on April 19, voted to award the tender – and approve an additional \$1.994 million, to cover

projected costs.

"That's a sizeable amount for an increase," said Councillor Ron Orr, asking for an explanation.

Arup Mukherjee, director of development and engineering services, called the bid process "very competitive", and pointed out that construction costs actually came in under the \$9.1 million budgeted. Mukherjee explained that the increase in cost related "to something we don't have a lot of control over – the price of land." The original budget was based on an assessed value of properties needed for the SEAR; a year and a half later, when it came time to purchase, the town paid full market value.

The increase in costs will be wholly covered by the Early Payment Agreement #3, signed with the town's residential developers, with no impact on taxpayers.

Nine tender bids were received, ranging from the low bid, to a high of \$11.133 million.

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Point of View

Autism disorder

It's a step back in time.
A decade ago, families into government-funded Autism treatment programs - or fundraised and sold assets, in an effort to afford the Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) and other therapies that could help their children.

Often, when they finally did get into treatment, they faced the possibility that their child would "age out." Access to government-funded treatment was limited: the cutoff was age 6.

It took protests at Queen's Park, to persuade the new Liberal government to widen the criteria, and assist families with Autistic kids.

Now the Liberal government of Kathleen Wynne has announced changes to the Autism Program that are even more harsh. The new cut-off is 5.

It can take months, even years, to get a confirmed diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. There is such a range of function and behaviours that the initial diagnosis may not be made until a child is 3, or older. With long waiting lists, children may not even begin therapy until they reach the age of 5.

It's those waiting lists that prompted the Ontario government

to make the changes, according to Minister of Child and Youth Services, Tracy MacCharles. She has claimed that without the cutoff, and with rising rates of diagnosis of ASD, wait lists could lengthen from the current two years, to five.

Shortening wait times by making more people ineligible for treatment is no solution.

Arbitrarily denying services to children based on an artificial cutoff point does everyone a disservice - and has no basis in science.

It is devastating to the families, and it is short-sighted: IBI and other therapies have been proven to help children with ASD make great strides, in verbalizing, in social interactions, and in the schools. Are these children to be pushed into school settings without the therapeutic support that will help them reach their potential? Are parents who want to provide their ASD child with treatment going to be pushed back into fundraising, and poverty?

Until research uncovers the causes of Autism, and makes prevention a possibility, the government has a responsibility to provide programs that support children and families. Maybe it's time for more protests at Queen's Park.

It's certainly time to step forward, not backward.

Letters to the Editor



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Entries in the first-ever Bradford Bakes amateur baking competition, at the BBT's Town & Country Living Show in Bradford, April 23.

BRADFORD BAKES!

To the editor: Congratulations to our winners from the first-ever Bradford Bakes Contest. Christine Gordon won first place with her delicious butter tart. Cathy Wasielewicz won a first for her delectable Chocolate Chip Cookies; Tristan Dineen was second in the Cookie category, with her Death by Chocolate treats. In the Pie category, Tristan Dineen won first with a Triple Berry Pie, Cathy Wasielewicz was

second with a stunning Apple Tart pie, and Keira McBurney was third, with her milk chocolate pie with pretzel crust.

Although the number of entries was small, the competition was fierce. We have so much baking talent in our community! We're happy to report that the Bradford Board of Trade is going to match the funds raised by our bakers, and provide the Helping Hand Food Bank with a cheque for \$135.60.

TRICIA BARRETT-BUTLER
CAO BRADFORD BOARD OF TRADE

CROSSTRAINERS THANKS

To the editor: On Saturday, April 9, we were so blessed to see over 150 friend of CrossTrainers come together to celebrate 15 years of ministry. What an amazing night!

It was full of stories, of what God has been doing through the Hub Youth Centre, A Hand Up Clothing Room, True Vibe women's ministry and Training for Life.

We were able to share a wonderful roast beef dinner together through the many donations from friends who wanted to make sure the evening was wonderful. The Butcher Shop in Barrie sold us delicious roasts for their purchase price, and donated the first \$100 to cover the cost. Another friend covered the other \$300 needed. All of the food was prepared by MMEEA Catering in Alliston, and owner Michele Prusaci donated all of his time to cook and prepare

the food, covered the cost of the potatoes and gravy - and gave us a discounted price on the dish rentals. The cost was covered by one of our volunteers. What a sweet gift.

Our Board of Directors showed up at King Christian School by noon on the day of the celebration, to work until the school gym was transformed into a banquet hall and things were ready for the guests to arrive. They were also our largest contributors financially for the night, and we are so incredibly thankful for each of them. Over \$7,000 was raised to continue the work. Although that is a lot of money, the thing that blessed our hearts the most was seeing WHO gave. Knowing how supportive our friends and family are is invaluable, as we continue to seek to "Give Expecting Nothing."

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Down East Mother's Day at the legion

Mark May 7 on the calendar – that's when the Down East Girls, Alice and Peggy, will be hosting a **Mother's Day Rock & Roll Dinner and Dance** at the legion, featuring hot turkey sandwiches, fries and cole-slaw, and assorted desserts at 7 p.m., dancing to music by Debbie Dee's Entertainment services at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$40 per couple; call 905-775-6245 or 705-724-9378. Prizes for hula hoop and limbo!

Friday Night Social Time. Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, enjoy dinner for a moderate fee, followed by music and camaraderie. Don't forget – on the first Friday of the month, enjoy karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. No cover charge. For information, call the legion at 905-775-5025.

May 14 is Spring Clean-up Day at the legion, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come out and volunteer to clean the branch inside and out! All welcome.

The Bradford Legion hosts its annual **Youth & Education Awards Reception**, for the winners of the Remembrance



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Three generations... Mackenzie, 9, with grandmother Marjorie Hynes and mom Donna at the Ladies Auxiliary Tea, held at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 521 in Bradford on April 17.

Poster, Poem and Essay competitions in the school, May 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments.

Pub night! The third Friday of every month is Pub Night at the legion, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The legion is open on Sundays. On the third Sunday of

the month, drop by between noon and 5 p.m., for karaoke!

The legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a legion member to ask for

assistance. Contact veteran services officer Ron Harmer at 705-775-4191.

For more information on events, programs and membership in the Legion or the Ladies Auxiliary, or hall rentals, call branch 521 at 905-775-5025.

BDHS '50s-'60s Reunion

Bradford District High School grads and alumni, who attended the school from the mid 1950s to mid 1960s, are invited to the **BDHS '50s-'60s Reunion**, taking place on Saturday, April 30 from 1 p.m. until early evening at the China Gardens Restaurant, 382 Holland St. West. Bring your memories, photos and clippings of that great era now gone by to share with your peers – there is no cost, except for what you eat and drink at China Gardens' great buffet. For more information, contact James Cooke, 519-881-1188; Bob Neilly at 905-713-4171 or Bill Williamson, 416-705-9581.

Community garage sales

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, located at Main and Water Streets in Newmarket, holds its Rummage and

Bake Sale, Saturday, April 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clothing, bedding, housewares, linens, appliances, books, magazines, trinkets and treasures – something for everyone. For information, call the church, 905-895-5512.

The Gifford & District Horticultural Society hosts its Plant Sale and barbecue at the South Inisfil Arboretum (20 Sideroad and Shoreacres Drive) on Saturday, May 28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendors are wanted for the outdoor **Giant Garage Sale** – contact Judith Matchett, at 705-456-3299.

Giant Parking Lot Garage Sale at St. James United Church, 2230 Victoria St. West in Stroud, Inisfil, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 28. Table rentals \$20, or rent a parking lot space for a boot sale, by calling Heather at 705-436-5225.

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If you would like to donate any gently used items or provide a cash donation please feel free to drop them off at 8 Bradford Street, Holland Landing from Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:30 pm at the office on or before May 5th, 2016. Cash donations will be accepted at the Garage Sale also.

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bradfordwestgwillimbury.civicweb.net

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole

• Tues. May 3 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Board/Committee

Fire & Emergency Services Committee

• Thu. Apr. 28 @ 6:30 p.m. – Engineering Services
305 Barrie St., Boardroom

Heritage Committee

• Mon. May 2 @ 6:30 p.m. – Engineering Services
305 Barrie St., Boardroom

Downtown Revitalization Committee

• Wed. May 4 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Proclamations

World Pulmonary Hypertension Day – May 5, 2016

Dutch Liberation Day – May 5, 2016

• Flag raising: Sat. May 7 @ 1:00 p.m.
BWG Courthouse, 57 Holland St. E

• Refreshments to follow at
Dutch Treats, 15 Holland St. E

Employment Opportunities

• 2016-VF04 – Volunteer Firefighter
Closing: May 13, 2016

For more information, please attend the Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment Open House at the BWG Fire Hall at 75 Melbourne Dr. on May 9, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

You can also visit www.townofbwg.com/careers or call 905-775-5366.

Serve your community by volunteering on the Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is seeking applications from residents who are interested in helping their community by serving on the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the remaining term of Council. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen, current resident of Bradford West Gwillimbury and be a person with any disability who will be a champion for making the municipality accessible for all residents.

The deadline for applications is
Mon. May 30 @ 4:00 p.m.

For more information or to apply:

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Fax: 905 775-0153 Email: admin@townofbwg.com
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- Organization of the Year (group)
- Citizen of the Year (individual)
- Youth of the Year (individual)
- Outstanding Achievement Award (group or individual)
- Volunteer Service Award (individual)
- Senior of the Year (Individual 65+)
- Sports Team of the Year (group)

NOMINATION DEADLINE: May 11

For details and a nomination form visit: www.townofbwg.com/awards

Awards are presented at the Town's Canada Day celebrations on July 1.



Celebrate BWG Transit's 2nd Birthday with FREE transit on May 2

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Seminars for seniors

Seniors and depression

CHATS Caregiver Support & Education presents a free information session on seniors and depression, Wednesday, May 4 at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Speaker Shirley Woods, Mental Health Educator with CMHA, will talk about the causes of depression; the difference between depression, grief and dementia; ways to increase mental wellness, and the benefits of laughter and mindfulness. For more information or to register, contact Marc Terrance at CHATS 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226, or mterrance@chats.on.ca

Resilient minds

CHATS Caregiver Support & Education presents a free information session on Resilient Minds in Tough Times, Wednesday, May 4 at the Bradford Public Library from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (following the session on depression). Speaker Shirley Woods, mental health educator, will define

emotional resilience, help participants identify their natural supports and generate a list of personal wellness tools, and explore Mindful Meditation. For information or to register for this free program, contact Marc Terrance at CHATS, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or mterrance@chats.on.ca

Aging in place

CHATS presents a seniors health seminar at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., on Thursday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to noon: Make Your House a Home for a Lifetime. Guest Speaker Christy Sliely, certified aging in place specialist, will provide information on making those changes and addressing accessibility issues, that allow aging in place. The workshop is free, but please RSVP to Linda Ind, at 1-877-452-4287 ext. 6211. Lunch will be available after the seminar, only \$6 for Danube Centre members, \$7 for non members. For more information on CHATS, Community & Home Assistance to Seniors, see www.chats.on.ca

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The Building Division is moving to the address and phone number above effective May 2



For women only... Meena Bazaar

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Auxiliary of Barrie-Bradford held their second annual women-only Meena Bazaar at the Bond Head Community Hall, on April 24. The inaugural Bazaar was held at Bradford United Church last year, but the event was so well-attended that it needed a larger venue.

Upstairs at the Bond Head Hall, local vendors and entrepreneurs displayed clothing, scarves and fine jewelry from Pakistan - providing the goods in town, so buyers didn't have to make a trip in to Toronto to find what they needed. There were beautiful services from Elegant Style of Bradford, including eyebrow threading and waxing, and artistic Henna Painting. Downstairs, visitors could sample delicious ethnic foods, like Samosas, Chicken Biryani, roast chicken and chutney, baklava and Kashmiri Tea, for a nominal fee - with all of the money raised going to the support of new mosques, in Saskatoon and Regina.

Humanity First, the international aid organization



MINAH KHAN, BRADFORD TIMES

Qurat-ul-Ain Marsoofa with Samosas, at the Meena Bazaar, organized by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Auxiliary.

founded by the AMJ, also had a booth downstairs, and held a food drive for its Food Bank in Vaughan. The food bank serves an estimated 2,015 families - and delivers to the housebound, elderly, or those with health issues, in an area stretching from Toronto as far north as Lake Simcoe.

Motorcyclists need a spring refresher

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The signs of spring are everywhere. Spring flowers, buds on trees – and

motorcycles on local roads.

York Regional Police held a "motorcycle safety event," April 20, not only to recertify their own riders after a winter off the roads, but to promote

public awareness and safety.

"Our riders are out doing their rider certification," said media relations officer Andy Pattenden. Kidding their heavy Harleys, York Regional Police

officers in full gear went through their paces, weaving through pylons as trainers watched — part of a week-long refresher course.

"Every one of us has to do a recertification. Motorcycle riding is such a perishable skill," said Staff Sgt. Dave Mitchell, noting that riders tend to lose their "muscle memory" after several months off their bikes — even the most experienced riders. It's important to "check your ego at the door" and practise before heading out on the open road, he said.

For York Regional Police's 21 motorcycle officers, it's especially important. "Because we're police officers, we really don't want to mess up," Mitchell said, noting that it's vital that handling the Harley becomes second nature, almost instinctive, for officers to do their jobs.

"We work off these machines," he said, carrying out regular patrols, traffic enforcement, ceremonial and VIP motorcade duties. "In our environment, you don't get re-dos. We're a vulnerable road user — we don't have airbags, we don't have seatbelts... You have to be aware of other people's mistakes."

Clinton Smout, program manager of Horseshoe Resnor's SMART (Snowmobile, Motorcycle, ATV Rider Training) program agrees. Excessive speed may be the No. 1 cause of motorcycle collisions, but causes two and three are other motorists, either turning in front of motorcycle riders, or rear-ending the machines.

"Motorcyclists are now out there, they're not as big, there's one headlight — you don't see them," Smout said, which is why he urges riders to wear brightly coloured helmets and full protective gear — "the brighter the better" — to promote visibility.

He also emphasized the importance of taking a spring "refresher" before hitting roads or trails, to regain balance, practice handling skills on variable terrain, and hone collision avoidance skills. York Regional Police also recommend



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

York Regional Police take a spring refresher and recertification, riding their Harleys through a course of pylons in Newmarket on April 20.

that riders practise, and sharpen their skills, before heading out on the road. Const. Pattenden noted, "You can guarantee, every Saturday or Sunday morning, there's an empty parking lot... Try it out. Do some slow lane changes, turns. Do a circle check, warm up the machine and check to make sure everything is mechanically sound."

"Focus on some slow speed riding on residential streets."

And only then, when that "muscle memory" returns, should riders head out on the highway.

Pattenden has a special warning at this time of year. "Street sweepers haven't been out on our streets yet. There's a lot of salt and sand... and potholes." It can make for tricky driving — just one more thing for riders to watch.

Drivers are urged to check blind spots, and watch for motorcycles before making turns or lane changes. More than one-third of collisions take place at intersections. Motorists — and motorcyclists — should approach slowly, look in all directions, and proceed with caution.

A reminder — go-peds, miniature motorcycles (pocket bikes) and other off-road vehicles are not street legal.

Spring Bi-Weekly Yard Waste Collection

Place your materials at curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. To determine your yard waste collection week visit simcoe.ca/wastereminder or consult the waste management calendar. Collection may not coincide with your garbage day.

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Fraud Alert

On April 21, South Simcoe Police received a call from a Bradford resident, regarding the Canada Revenue Agency scam. A caller claimed to be a CRA officer, who told the victim that he owed an outstanding balance on his taxes. The victim was duped into giving his social insurance number, but no money changed hands. Police remind residents that the CRA will never phone to demand payment. If you receive such a call, hang up and contact the Canada Revenue Agency directly for advice.

Also on April 21, an Innisfil resident reported falling prey to an internet

ticket scam. The victim saw an ad for tickets on the Kijiji buy and sell website, and contacted the "seller." Money was deposited into the seller's account, but no tickets were ever transferred, and the victim has since been unable to contact the scammer. Police remind residents that sending money to an unknown person is a matter of trust; never transfer money to an unknown party until the goods arrive. For more information on fraud, visit the Canada Anti-Fraud website, www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm.

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Save the Mothers, for Mother's Day

Bradford - On Mother's Day Weekend, residents of Bradford and other communities across Canada and the U.S., will walk to support Maternal Health in the developing world, where childbirth is one of the leading killers of women.

Every day, an estimated 830 women die of complications related to pregnancy and childbirth - almost all of which are preventable. In the developing world, social, economic and cultural barriers may prevent women from receiving adequate care.

Steps to Deliver Change is a fundraising walk for Save the Mothers, a Canadian charity based in East Africa, which provides advocacy and training, empowering local leaders to improve standards and practices of Maternal Health in their own communities.

This year's walk will take place on Saturday, May 7, at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - Sideroad 10 in Bradford, starting at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Walk organizer Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott, 905-928-7283 or ddscott@rogers.com.

Youth Music Festival coming to Bradford

Bradford - The Inaugural York Simcoe Youth Music Festival will take place at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 15 - showcasing up to 15 youth bands and young talent on a professional stage, with professional lighting and sound.

Already signed up are local bands BREED, Wanderlust, The Fractured, The Spencer MacKenzie Blues Band, Standby, Fuel the Riot, Planet Basement, Simply Put, Slow Towns, and MIMPA's Triple Threat performers. Singer Cara Lea will emcee.

The festival also features vendors, including Stella & Dot Jewellery, Seazook Entertainment, Manera's Creations Balloon Art, Presto Piano and Music, Treblemakers Music Academy, Genesis Gymnastics, Music In Motion Performing Arts, Chrissy's Cupcakes, and The Jam Spot.

There is no charge either for the bands that perform, or those who want to come out for an afternoon of great music. The free event is supported by sponsors and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. For more information, see contact Chris McMunn, chris@oncreditgroup.ca or see www.facebook.com/events/110871629285636/permalink/223862341319897/.



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Watch for Walk 'n Wheel Wednesday

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St. Angela Merici Catholic School and W. H. Day Elementary, both at the south end of Bradford, are considered "walking schools."

That means that the majority of students live within 1.6 km of their school, and are not bused to class.

It doesn't mean that the majority of kids walk. More often they are driven to school by their parents or guardians, and traffic congestion is an ongoing problem, both during the morning drop-off and

afternoon pick-up.

St. Angela Merici, which opened this fall, has instituted "Walking Wednesdays" - inviting the students to gather and walk to school together, as a "walking school bus."

At W.H. Day, says Principal Peter McKenna, "we really haven't promoted it that much, so far. We really haven't done any formal planning." The school has a kiss-and-ride area, and staff are out every morning, to assist with safety. "It is chaotic out there! Absolutely," McKenna says. "We

would just like to see more people out there realizing the benefits of walking to school."

On May 4, both schools are participating in a pilot project, to encourage walking. Thanks to a partnership between the schools, South Simcoe Police, and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Active Transportation Committee, May 4 is "Walk 'n Wheel Wednesday" - a day encouraging all students to walk, bike, rollerblade, skateboard, or use any other kind of non-motorized, human-powered

transportation to get to and from school.

It was the Committee that came up with the idea, after struggling with issues of traffic congestion, and learning that May is Bike to Work month. A light bulb went off, says committee chair Councillor Gary Baynes: promote health and safety, and offset congestion, by promoting walking or riding.

"It's win-win," Baynes said. "Our intent is that this event will encourage more kids to use active means of getting to

school, as well as teaching the basics of pedestrian safety.

"We are very aware of how big a problem traffic congestion around our schools has become. It's a bit of a domino effect - the more kids who walk or bike, the fewer cars there will be, trying to get in and out of the schools, and the safer the roads will become for pedestrians and cyclists." The committee initially hoped to bring Walk 'n Wheel Wednesday to every school - but decided "that's a little aggressive," said Baynes.

Instead, the day will begin as a "pilot project" at the two schools, expanding to others in the fall, if successful.

Each student who walks or wheels to school on May 4 will receive a ribbon, and encouragement from BWG Mayor Rob Keffer and council. South Simcoe Police will also be on hand, to ensure pedestrian safety - and the Canadian Tire Store in Bradford, has donated 10 bicycles, for the schools to distribute. There are plans for a special prize for the classes with the most participants.

Augmented reality in the classroom

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Jennifer Jeffries' Grade 3 class at St. Angela Merici Catholic School welcomed a special guest on April 11.

Nicky Middleton, educator, science geek and founder of Brainspace Magazine, dropped in to demonstrate the links between technology and learning.

Actually, she was there talk to the kids about space, dinosaurs, the first robot ever invented, skateboarding dogs and related topics, and to give the class some hands-on experience in using augmented reality.

Brainspace Magazine incorporates augmented reality (AR) to go beyond the two-dimensional printed page, engaging and interacting with young readers, ages 8 to 14. Holding a mobile device over a special cartouche on a page provides access to additional live-action video, which brings the story to life in a way not possible with traditional print.

It's a technology that offers tremendous possibilities for learning, both in and outside of the classroom, and Middleton was there to give the students a lesson in creating their own AR.

Using iPads, the kids broke into groups that each filmed a one-minute video. The students talked about a science experiment they were working on, measuring the impact of light and water on the growth of bean plants, then embed-

ded the video into a two-dimensional image, using the BlippAR App.

Videos can also be created using time-lapse photography and stop-action animation to illustrate a concept, Middleton said, noting that AR takes theory and "instantly makes it practical. How amazing is it to embed that learning it's just a great way to communicate."

It wasn't only the kids who asked questions. Teacher Jeffries wanted to know where Middleton got ideas for Brainspace Magazine, which is published quarterly.

"I'm exploding with ideas," Middleton said - adding that, as a child, she was fascinated by science, new discoveries and new inventions. "I love that, and still as an adult I can't get enough of that. There is so much information out there... it's a fascinating world."

The students gave up their recess to work on their AR projects, and explore science, technology, and even "Math Magic," in the pages of the magazine.

During her years as a teacher, Middleton found her students were eager for information. They wanted more than what was delivered through the curriculum, in a form that they could easily understand.

"When I started the magazine, it was really for those kinds of learners," she said. "We try to go beyond what was done in the classroom," covering science, geography, geology, astronomy, math,



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Nicky Middleton, founder of Brainspace Magazine, was a special guest at St. Angela Merici School last week.

but "in a kid's voice," through simple-to-use technology.

Brainspace is interactive on another level: Middleton often receives feedback from her readers.

"Kids do send us story ideas. Some of those we do follow up on," she said, noting that the magazine is currently collaborating with CAGIS, the Canadian Association of Girls In Science, including interviews conducted by scientists as young as 11.

"We really do try to incorporate that kid's voice in the magazine," Middleton said. "We're finding out there really is a need to raise the bar," in teaching science and technology.



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Grade 3 student checks out Brainspace Magazine.

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Fashion blogger Jackie Goldhar, left, writes a message that will be placed inside a shoebox filled with donations, as mom Rhonda Goldhar looks on.



Keira, 8, and Teagan, 6, with a shoebox of donations for women in shelters, at the Gorgeous Shoebox Project.



Jessica Mulroney, centre, with winners of the Gorgeous Shoebox Project at Upper Canada Mall, Tracey Paul and daughter Kennedy and their decorated shoeboxes.

Gorgeous Shoebox Project at Upper Canada Mall

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Jessica Mulroney is co-founder of the Shoebox Project - a charity that invites women to fill a shoebox not only with essential hygiene necessities, like toothpaste, shampoo and soap, but luxury items, from nail polish to chocolate, for women in shelters who are struggling with homelessness and abuse.

"My mother did it in Montreal, when I was growing up," she says, when she moved to Toronto and married Ben Mulroney

five years ago, "I carried it over." Her goal that first year was to collect 156 shoeboxes for the Red Door Shelter, but "the chain reaction happened. We collected over 300 boxes," Mulroney calls it "lightning in a bottle." The idea caught on, and spread. Now launched in communities across Canada, the U.S., and Australia, "The Shoebox Project" filled and distributed over 15,000 boxes in 2015.

It costs about \$50 to fill a box, with everything from soap to make-up. "It's not asking a lot, but it has a huge impact on women in a shelter. When they know someone in their com-

munity thinks about them, and cares about them, it's very powerful," Mulroney says.

The initial Shoebox drive took place at Christmas. "There are so many children's drives over the holidays," but so little for the mothers, "who have a tremendous amount of guilt that they are in shelters." And just as important as the gifts are the notes that donors are now encouraged to include in their boxes - positive notes, of support and hope. "The notes are just as powerful for these women," Mulroney said. "It's such a great project for mothers and daugh-

ters to do, to teach 'giving back'.

Jessica Mulroney, Canadian fashion stylist, TV personality and mother of three, is the new face of Upper Canada Mall's "Gorgeous" campaign. Almost her first action has been to introduce The Shoebox Project at the mall.

For two weeks in April, women were encouraged to register a team of two online, for a chance to win a complete make-over with Jessica Mulroney and her team, as part of the Gorgeous Shoebox Project - and on April 24, teams came to Centre Court, to decorate the shoeboxes and fill them with products donated by Upper Canada

Mall retailers.

"We want to give back to the community," said mall marketing director Jennifer Kleinberg. The shoeboxes will go to Sandgate Shelter, and Belinda's Place.

See shoeboxproject.com for information on participating communities, and recommended donations.

Month for Mom continues at Upper Canada Mall. Shoppers are asked to post "way back" photos with Mom, and share Mom's words of wisdom online - and Mother's Day Fashion shows are planned May 7-8, at 1 and 3 p.m.

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Celebrating Mother's Day

Bradford United Church, located at 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, is hosting **"May I Have This Dance"** - an evening of music and dancing on Saturday, May 7, starting at 8 p.m. Dance to Rock 'n Roll, R & B, and Country Music, played by a professional DJ with TnT DJ Services - in the church hall! Tickets are \$20 per person, available in advance by calling the church at 905-775-7288, or at the door. A fundraiser for Bradford United Church and its charities - and for some much-needed repairs! Wine, beer, liquor and snacks will be available to purchase, at this 19-plus event.

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, is hosting an **Old-Fashioned Mother's Day Tea** on Saturday, May 7. A

variety of teas, old-fashioned sandwiches and sweets will be served on vintage china, with two sittings - from 1 to 2 p.m., or 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, and must be purchased in advance, at the Museum or online at newmarket.snaps.com. This fundraiser organized by the Friends of the Museum is suitable for ages 12 and up. For more information, contact the Elman W. Campbell Museum at 905-933-5314 or elmanmuseum@grogers.com.

The Down East Girls, Alice and Peggy, are hosting a **Mother's Day Rock & Roll Dinner and Dance** at the Bradford Legion, 118 Back St. N. in Bradford on May 7, featuring hot turkey sandwiches, fries, cole-slaw and assorted desserts at 7 p.m., dancing to music by Debbie Dee's

Entertainment services at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$40 per couple; call 905-775-6245 or 705-424-9378. Prizes for hula hoop and limbo!

Mother's Day Brunch, at the

Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive south of Major Mackenzie. Seatings at 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., for a brunch of muffins, pastries, fresh fruit salad, Waffle Bar, scrambled eggs and sausage,

made to order Omelets and Crepes. \$49.95 for adults, \$34.95 for children under 12, free for 2 and under. Order a flower bouquet for Mom, for another \$15. RSVP to 416-667-6295 or see kortright.org

Garage sale for shelter

Royal LePage brokerages participate in a special garage sale on the Mother's Day weekend. The National Garage Sale for the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation raises funds that go to women's shelters, across the country.

Royal LePage At Your Service Realty will be participating on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 1

p.m. at the Holland Landing Office, 8 Bradford St. in Holland Landing, Ontario. Norway, ThirtyOne, Girl Guides and the Lions Club will also be there, helping to raise funds for Blue Door Shelters and 310-Cope. Donations of cash or gently-used items for the sale can be dropped off at 8 Bradford St. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. before May 5.

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Recognizing business excellence in South Simcoe

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Businesses in five South Simcoe municipalities were honoured at the 19th annual Business Excellence Awards, presented by Nottawasaga Futures.

The economic development agency, which supports business development, retention and expansion, and provides business resources, employment outreach and other services to both the business and agricultural communities, received 261 nominations. The number was whittled down to 92 finalists in 12 categories, and on April 21, representatives from Adjala-Tosoronto, New Tecumseth, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Innisfil and Essa presented awards to the winners, at a ceremony held at the Adjala-Tosoronto municipal offices.

Bradford West Gwillimbury was strongly represented. Mayor Rob Keffler, accompanied by Deputy Mayor James Leduc, Councillors Gary Baynes and Peter Ferragine,

CAO Geoff McKnight, Manager of Economic Development Michael Disano, and President of the Bradford Board of Trade, Justin Carriere congratulated BWG businesses that took home six awards.

Agricultural Award, presented to a successful farming operation resulting in a thriving endeavour - The Den Haan family of Loretto, for Sheldon Creek Dairy, Iton. Mention went to Cookstown Greens, and the French family.

Customer Service Award, for excellence in customer service - Sandy Berube and Shawn Taullen of The Place for Paws, doggie daycare in Innisfil.

New Business of the Year - Greg Kniff and Elsie Silva-Kniff, of That Wheel & Tire Shop, in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Quality Award, Micro Business (1-9 employees) - Tracey Evans and Dirk Tew, Dreamwinds Equine Assisted Learning Centre, Bradford West Gwillimbury.



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From left, Simcoe County Warden Gerry Marshall, Adjala-Tosoronto Mayor Mary Small Brett, BWG Mayor Rob Keffler congratulate Greg Kniff and Elsie Silva-Kniff, owners of That Wheel & Tire Shop, for winning New Business of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year awards.

cant "green", sustainable and energy saving innovations - Dickey Bee Honey, Innisfil Youth Entrepreneur Award, for a business operated by a young entrepreneur (age 15-28) - Kinnect Studio of BWG, and owner Dr. Irma VanAndel, Iton. Mention went to Kayla Kors of Crumbs Bake Shoppe, BWG.

Quality Award, Medium Business (25-74 employees) - Trillium Ford Lincoln Inc., New Tecumseth.

Quality Award, Large Business (over 75 employees) - Canadian Tire Store in Alliston, New Tecumseth.

Green Transition Award, for an established business that has introduced significant

an award for Extraordinary Community Support & Leadership was presented to the Adjala Credit Union.

Gerry Marshall, Warden of Simcoe County, co-presenter at the annual event, noted that the county has approximately 17,000 businesses, that employ 230,000 people. "We're engaged, we're passionate about business," Marshall said, as he congratulated the "outstanding businesses and outstanding entrepreneurs... Businesses make things happen in the County of Simcoe."

Next year's awards will be held in Bradford West Gwillimbury.



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From left, Simcoe County Warden Gerry Marshall and Adjala-Tosoronto Mayor Mary Small Brett congratulate Dreamwinds Equine-Assisted Learning Centre owners Tracey Evans and Dirk Tew on winning the Quality Award for Micro-Business, as BWG Councillor Gary Baynes looks on.



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Brittany Buck, owner of Brittany Buck Hair & Beauty Boutique, won the Quality Award for Small Business - congratulated by Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffler, right, and Deputy Mayor James Leduc.

Welcome and farewell at Dutch Treats

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Open House at Dutch Treats & British Sweets, April 23, was both a farewell, and a welcome.

A farewell to Cor and Louise DenBleker, who have owned the community with an ever-growing variety of giftware, delectable treats and deli items and introducing new generations to traditional Croquettes, Uitsmijter, Pannenkoeken and Poffertjes at Oma's Cafe – and a warm welcome to new owners, Rob and Tina Bots, who have promised to maintain the store's 60-year tradition.

Rob came to Canada from Holland five years ago, and since moving to Bradford has been a customer of the store, located at 15 Holland St. East. When he learned that Dutch Treats was for sale, Bots, who had experience as an assistant store manager back in the Netherlands, jumped at the opportunity.

Dutch Treats will still be a family business, with Rob, Tina and daughter Hannah all involved in the day-to-day



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Dutch Girls Hannah, left and Cassidy, at Dutch Treats' Open House in Bradford.

operations.

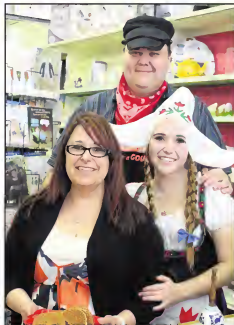
"It's going to be basically staying the same. We're not going to make any changes," said Tina, other than to expand Dutch Treats' online sales. The store will continue to offer home delivery to customers, a specialized shopping experience with a large selection of food and giftwares from the Netherlands, Indonesia, British sweets, Belgian chocolate, as well as locally-produced

gifts and food products, and will continue to be involved in local events like Carrotfest.

MP for York-Simcoe Peter Van Loan attended the Open House, noting that Dutch Treats plays a key role in town. "I know that this store has meant a great deal to people, not just in the Dutch community," Van Loan said, adding that the DenBlekers and Dutch Treats have helped to create a more vibrant downtown.


Mayor Rob Keffer thanked the DenBlekers for their work on the Downtown Revitalization Committee, and thanked Rob and Tina for "carrying on the tradition," in more ways than one. Rob Bots has just been appointed to the Downtown Revitalization Committee.

The DenBlekers have retired, and plan to spend more time with family, and travelling.



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New owners of Dutch Treats & British Sweets, Rob and Tina Bots and daughter Hannah.



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Eco-Days in Bond Head

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It's a division of interests: Students at Sir William Osler Public School are collecting used clothing, household items and scrap metal, April 29 to May 1, but no electronic waste - while the Bond Head & District Lions are asking residents to bring in their e-waste to the Bond Head Community Hall on May 7.

Both drives support Earth Month, keeping reusable and recyclable materials out of landfill - and will raise funds for their respective organizations.

Sir William Osler is asking everyone to save their pop cans, scrap metal, used clothing and textiles, for the school's Eco-Fundraiser. Bags of pop cans, and bags of textiles and household items - clean clothing, soft toys, belts, purses, shoes (tied together), drapes and linens can be dropped off at the school on County Rd. 88 until May 1.

The scrap metal drive takes place Friday, April 29 from 4 to 7:30 p.m., and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1. Wanted: aluminum blinds, aluminum foil, aluminum siding and eavesdropping appliances, barbecues, bikes, toys, brass, car parts, chain saws, chains, metal chairs, chimney liners, copper, curtain rods, cutlery, exercise bikes, farm implements, faucets, fencing, filing cabinets, fitness equipment, fork-

lifts, metal frames, garage doors, hot water tanks, kettles, toasters, ladders, lawn chairs, lawn mowers, motors, nails, nuts, bolts, oil tanks (empty), paint cans, pipes and fitting, pots and pans, power tools, rakes, shovels, rims, satellite dishes, metal screen doors, bathtubs, tractors. Also accepted: Batteries (car and household), Christmas lights, extension cords and computer cables but NO propane tanks, TVs, Computer monitors, electronics, freezers or fridges.

Spring cleaning? Don't throw out those old electronics. The Bond Head & District Lions Club is hosting an e-waste collection event on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bond Head Hall on County Rd. 27, in partnership with Ontario Electronic Stewardship. The Lions are asking residents to drop off their end-of-life electronics - from old televisions to unwanted computers, monitors and peripherals - to be properly disposed of, and kept from landfill. What's acceptable? Monitors and television sets, desktop and portable computers, computer peripherals, printers, copiers and multifunction devices (restrictions may apply), telephones and answering machines, cellular devices, pagers, home theatres (equalizers, amps, speakers, tuners and turntables), aftermarket vehicle audio and video devices, image, audio and video devices - and "anything with a cord," but no fridges or freezers.



Adoption day

MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

April 16 was Adoption Day at Pet Valu in Bradford. The Alliston & District Humane Society brought in several animals looking for a "forever home" - including "Patsy", a St. Bernard recently found tied in a ditch on the 4th Concession near Everett, just 300 metres from the Humane Society building. "Patsy" was found with a choke chain, but no tags. Still being checked out by a veterinarian, she is believed to be 11 years old, and is "gentle as the day is long," said Vicki Zanatta - a hug on four legs. Adoption Day was part of Pet Appreciation Month at Pet Valu, a fundraiser for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program and the Alliston Humane Society. Baker Laura Vree was also on hand on Saturday, selling her Sweet Handmade cookies, helping to raise funds. The local store hopes to raise \$3,500 by the end of the month, and is already more than half-way to its goal.

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Farm safety for kids

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Heavy machinery, toxic chemicals that include herbicides and fertilizers, large animals - farms can be hazardous places for adults. They can be even more dangerous for kids.

The Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture and Church's Farm Supply in April 16, that provided 50 kids with information on everything from fire safety, to safe handling practices for large animals, and the safe operation of riding mowers.

Kids watched demonstrations, asked questions, and learned how to be safe around equipment, and livestock.

"The number one rule: Never go anywhere without the farmer," said Lori Chalmers, of the Simcoe County Beef Farmers. She was talking about the dangers of large farm animals - from sharp horns, to spindly teeth and hooves - providing



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Innisfil Firefighter Greg Bray talks to kids about fire safety at a Farm Safety Workshop for children, held at Church's Farm Supply.

solid advice to keep kids safe.

The young participants also learned about the dangers of electricity.

"With electricity, you have to use all your wits," said Blair Maye, presenting a demonstration of Electric-

ity Safety & Conservation, on behalf of InnPower Services. His display snapped and crackled, as he spoke of the dangers of touching live wires - and Maye used a glowing, electrified pickle to demonstrate how a GFI electrical outlet can save a life.

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Walk for MOBYSS... Charity walks and runs

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Inaugural Walk for MOBYSS, a fundraiser for the CMHA's mobile mental health services for Youth in York Region and South Simcoe. Hosted by the Bradford Lions Club, the walk will take place at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West on Sunday, May 1, with registration at 11 a.m., 5K Walk starting at Noon. Pledge forms are available at Pet Vau in Bradford Century 21 Heritage Group, 3 Scoops Ice Cream and

Nancy's Nifty Nook. Minimum Pledge \$10. For more information contact Roddie Saunders at 289-338-7666 or roddie.saunders@century21.ca

The 2016 Nature's Emporium Run or Walk for Southlake takes place May 1 at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex. Participants aren't charged a "Registration Fee." Instead, Adult Runners and Walkers are challenged to raise at least \$75 in pledges for Southlake Regional Health

Foundation, to participate in the 2.5K or 5K Run/Walk, or 10K Run. Students (18 and under) are asked to collect at least \$20 in pledges; Kids 8 and under participating in the "Mini Mile" \$10. For more information, a Team Captain Tool Kit or to register, visit runforSouthlake.ca. Registration on May 1 begins at 7:30 a.m., Opening Ceremonies at 8:30 a.m., the 10K Run, at 9 a.m. Note: BWG Mayor Rob Keffer has accepted a challenge issued by Southlake

Foundation, and will be participating with Team BWG on May 1. The team is competing in the Municipal Challenge, hoping to have the most participants and raise the most money.

The Mandarin MS Walk for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ontario takes place on Sunday, May 1, at the Newmarket Community Centre & Lions Hall, Doug Duncan Drive in Newmarket. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.; 5K and 10K Walks begin at 9:30 p.m. The goal this year

is to raise \$86,000 for research, support and educational programs. For information, contact Mike Stafford, mike.stafford@msociety.ca or 1-800-288-7582, or visit mswalks.ca to sign up.

Hike 4 Hospice Palliative Care takes place in locations around the region on Sunday, May 1. Hike for Matthews House Hospice at the Adjala-Toronto Town Offices, 7855 Adjala 30 Sideroad; registration begins 11 a.m., Walk begins at

noon; www.mathewshousehospice.ca. Hike for Hospice Simcoe will take place at Sunnyside Park in Barrie, with registration at 10 a.m., Walk at 11 a.m. See www.hospicesimcoe.ca/calendar_events. Hike for Doane House Hospice is at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket, with registration at 9:30 a.m., 2.5K and 5K hikes beginning at 11 a.m.; www.doanehospice.org/Hike4Hospice

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Moving Forward Together Southlake's Commitment to Community Engagement

THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT SEEING LONG standing Southlake volunteer Marjorie Brewster help children diagnosed with cancer smile when they come to the clinic for treatment. Each child gets a toy from Marjorie and they learn that Southlake is all about caring for each other. These moments define who we are. We're here for you and your loved ones to celebrate moments of joy and we're here to help you through some of life's challenges. Everyday our hospital staff, physicians, and volunteers go the extra mile to help through individual acts of compassion, empathy and support.

LOOKING FORWARD, WE ARE COMMITTED TO the continued renewal of hospital equipment needs as well as key infrastructure projects. These projects include the construction of a 10-bed residential hospice, plans to enhance our mental health program through the addition of twelve new in-patient beds, the renewal of our cardiac catheterization labs and plans for the redevelopment of our operating rooms. These projects will further strengthen our ability to provide our community with the care that all of us expect and deserve. But we need your help now more than ever before. Major projects are only partially funded by the government and must rely heavily on the community to make up the difference. We look forward to continuing to work together with our community to ensure that Southlake has what it needs to achieve the ultimate patient experience.

AS A TEAM WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD OVER the past years to be a leader in healthcare funding reform while focusing on the quality of our clinical programs. Every four years Southlake participates in an accreditation process with Accreditation Canada, an independent national organization that champions patient safety and quality. In 2012 Southlake achieved Exemplary Standing and in March this year Southlake again achieved Exemplary Standing, awarded to less than 16 percent of Canadian healthcare organizations that demonstrate rigorous adherence to over two thousand best practices in healthcare delivery. This is a tremendous achievement for our hospital that demonstrates our commitment to continuous improvement and the results of collaborative teamwork.

SPRING ALSO PROVIDES SOME FUN AND EXCITING ways to get involved with Southlake. Sunday May 1, 2016, Southlake is hosting its annual Run or Walk for Southlake. We hope that you can join us for this wonderful morning of fun and fitness that is widely supported by our community and staff.

THE HOSPITAL AND THE FOUNDATION BOARDS HAVE worked tirelessly to redefine and strengthen our commitment to working together to meet the needs of our community. Together, we have implemented a new Framework for Philanthropy at Southlake and a Shared Leadership Model to ensure we stay in sync. Following an extensive review process, the new frameworks incorporate the best management and governance practices in healthcare philanthropy and healthcare delivery to ensure we are able to achieve our commitment to patients, their families and our community. We need your help to achieve the vision for our Hospital and we are very appreciative of the support of our donors and community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND YOUR generous donations; it is what drives us to continue to push the envelope and empower our clinical teams to deliver world-class care close to home. We are very excited to work together with our community to ensure that Southlake continues to be at the forefront of healthcare delivery and builds its capacity to meet the future needs of our community.

AT SOUTHLAKE SPECIAL MOMENTS DEFINE WHO WE are. We are here for you and your loved ones whenever you need us. You can help support Southlake in achieving its objectives through your generosity and together we can all make a difference. We look forward to sharing our journey with you over the next year and commit to keeping you informed about new developments at your hospital, and how you can get involved. Stay tuned!

SPRING IS A SEASON OF NEW BEGINNINGS, EXCITEMENT and opportunity. At Southlake we are reinvigorated in our continued commitment to provide world class care close to home. The recent openings of a new fourth radiation treatment machine in our Cancer Centre as well as the new heart rhythm interventional suite represent great achievements for our hospital. Additionally, the completion of our diagnostic imaging campaign provided funding for a new interventional radiology suite and the planned installation of a new MRI. These achievements would not have been possible without the shared efforts of our Foundation, our Hospital, key volunteers and the generosity of our donors and community.

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Spending March Break with FC Porto

Getting ready for the Marsh Mash

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Over the March Break, Dragon Force Toronto-Bradford – the FC Porto-affiliated soccer academy located in Bradford – took a contingent of young soccer players to Portugal, to see first-hand FC Porto's facilities and academy programming.

It was more than a "contingent." Twenty-eight players, accompanied by 27 family members and siblings, made the trip overseas, to experience the intensity of soccer as it is played in Portugal.

"Literally, they trained twice a day, morning and afternoon, and ended up playing five games. That's one every two days," said Nelson Rocha, Director of Programs. "It was pure soccer!"

The experience has had an impact on players, who have only been playing together since last September. There has been improvement in every aspect of the game – ball control, footwork, passing, goal-scoring.

"Parents have been appreciative, and have seen the difference," Rocha said. "At the end of the day, that's what parents want to see – soccer development."



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Fancy footwork, speed – young players with FC Porto's Dragon Force Toronto-Bradford, practice at the Sports Dome in Bradford, Ont. on Wednesday April 20, 2016.

Paula Carvalho is one of those parents. She and her husband accompanied their two sons to Portugal, over the break. Matthew, 11, plays on the U11 team, and had regularly-scheduled practices and games – but their hosts also made room for their eight-year-old.

"He still got to experience some games. They got him involved," Carvalho says. "It

was a really nice experience, very well-organized. People were fantastic with us."

The trip also included tours and sightseeing, but soccer was the focus – and it set the bar high for the Canadian kids.

"It was nice to see how hard they need to work," Carvalho said, and to see Porto's schools and facilities for young player development. "I wish we had

facilities here, like them."

FC Porto operates 15 soccer schools in Portugal, one in Colombia, and the new academy in Bradford, which had its official opening in January of this year. The school is partnered with CAF, the Canadian Academy of Futbol, and its Youth Player Development. For more information, see www.dragonforceath.com.

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The 38th annual Marsh Mash canoe and kayak races in the Holland Marsh take place Saturday, May 14 – but before the main event, there will be youth racing on the canals.

The youth canoe races will see between 130 and 160 kids from high schools as far away as Lindsay and Bracebridge come down for a day of paddling on Friday, May 6.

The event is promoted by OMCKRA, the Ontario Marathon Canoe & Kayak Racing Association, as a way to raise awareness of the sport, and encourage a new generation of paddlers.

Sadly, once again there will be no participation by local Bradford secondary schools. Although the Holland Marsh Canals and the Marsh Mash are on the "doorstep" of Bradford District High School and Holy Trinity Catholic High School, organizers of the youth races have been unable to persuade the schools to participate.

The Marsh Mash attracts canoeists and kayakers of all ages, in categories that range from 22K marathon canoe races – once again, qualifiers for the 2016 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championship, taking place in Germany this September – to recreational classes, 9K and 18K kayak races, stand-up paddleboard, outriggers, and even a 6K Child-Adult canoeing class.

Racing starts and finishes at Springdale Christian Reformed Church, located at Canal Rd. and 5 Sideroad, with registration beginning at 8 a.m., a pre-race co-ordination meeting at 9 a.m., and racing at 10 a.m.

Paddler Iain Craig and his family have been involved in organizing the Marsh Mash for years, and now work with the Town of BHW Community Services Department on the event that brings upwards of 100 paddlers to the community.

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BOND HEAD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS: AGM and 41st anniversary of the Bradford-Bond Head Garden Club, 7:30 p.m. at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. Guest speaker David Hobson will talk about Small Garden Design. Come in and share a slice of birthday cake!

SAT., APR. 30

DAY OF JOY: At St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Speaker Ann Dempsey shares a message of joy for women of all denominations. \$20 fee incl. snack and hot lunch. Registration begins 8:30 a.m. Call Linda, 705-436-9769 or Joan 705-456-9373.

FLASH MOB FOR CANCER RESEARCH: 11 a.m. sharp, in the parking lot of St. James United Church, 2230 Victoria St. West in Stroud, Innisfil. Be prepared to march, dance, sing and carry a pre-prepared sign bearing a big "C". Wear white and yellow, and a daffodil. Min. donation to participate is \$1.

SEUSSIFICATION OF ROMEO & JULIET: A fun performance at MIMPA, 150 Antares Industrial Parkway in Bradford, at 3 p.m. \$12 adults, \$6 children; tickets at the studio.

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GRANDMOTHERS' EMBRACE TEA & BAKE SALE: Grandmothers' Embrace, which raises money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation for African Grandmothers and their orphaned grandchildren, hosts a 10th Anniversary Tea, Bake Sale and Silent Auction, at St. John's United Church, 56 Victoria St. E. in Alliston, 12-2 p.m. \$15 per person.

SUN., MAY 1

WALK FOR MOBBY'S: The Bradford Lions Club invites the community to a 5k walk for CMA's mobile youth mental health service, Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, registration at 11 a.m., walk begins at noon. Minimum pledge

\$10, pledge sheets avail. at Pet Valu, Century 21 Heritage Group, 3 Scoops Ice Cream, Nancy's 3 Nooks and All welcome.

NATURE'S EMPORIUM RUN OR WALK FOR SOUTHLAKE: At the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex, 25 and 3K Run/Walk, 10K Run, and 5K Kids' Mini Mile. Raise a minimum of \$10 for kids, \$20 students, \$75 for adults, for Southlake Regional Health Centre. Registration begins 7:30 a.m., Opening Ceremonies 8:30 a.m., Run/Walk 9 a.m. Come out and support your regional hospital!

MANDARIN M.S. WALK FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS: Meet at the Newmarket Community Centre & Lions Hall, for the 5 and 10K walks, raising funds for the MS Society of Ontario. Check in at 8:30 a.m., Walk at 9:30 a.m. See mssalks.ca to sign up.

HIKE & HOSPICE: Fundraiser for Doane House Hospice, at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket. Register at 9:30 a.m., 2.5 and 5K hikes at 11 a.m. Hike for Matthews House Hospice takes place at the Adjala-Torontoonto Town Offices, 7855 Adjala SR30. Registration 11 a.m., Walk at noon.

MEET THE ARTISTS: Artists' Reception at Art Unique Gallery & Gifts, Line 2 of Innisfil, at County Rd. 27, at 2 p.m. New show features local artists.

WEDS., MAY 4

MCCAPPY DAY: All day, McDonald's Restaurants will donate \$1 from every Big Mac. Happy Meal or McCafe Hot Beverage sold, supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities, and Ronald McDonald House in Toronto, providing a home away from home for families of children undergoing treatment for serious illness. Bradford restaurants will also raise funds for Scouting! Watch for celebrity servers.

GILFORD UNITED CHURCH ROAST BEEF SUPPER: Roast Beef with all the trimmings, and home-made pies for dessert, \$20 adults, \$6 for children under 12. Sitings at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Call 705-456-2006 for RSVP.

CHATS SEMINARS: Free seminars for seniors at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, with Mental Health Educator Shirley Woods, 1:30-2:30 Seniors and Depression, 2:30-3:30 Resilient Minds in Tough Times. For info or to register, contact Barbara Terrance, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or mterrance@chats.on.ca

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Four Winds Kite Fest



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17th Annual Bradford Lions Club Golf Tournament

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Walk for MOBYSS... Charity walks and runs

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647-981-8082. Registration on the day of the Run/Walkathon begins at 7 a.m., Opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m., Run begins 9 a.m. - rain or shine! All welcome.

Rotary Club of Innisfil Fun Run and Walkathon takes place Saturday, May 28 at Innisfil Beach Park. Timed Run on a 5K or 10K route, Walkathon, Children's shorter run, awards, vendors and a Charity BBQ, all raising money for the new Rotary Trail – a multi-purpose walking and cycling trail system at the Town of Innisfil Campus Lands. Adult Registration is \$30 (\$35 after May 15), Children 7 to 12 registration is \$10; includes a Fun Run T-shirt. To register go to racersort.com/events/2016/6005-2016-run-walk. For more information, contact Rick Ellsner, rotaryinnisfil@gmail.com or

The 40th annual Upper Canada Mall Easter Seals Run or Walk, founded by Joe Pesechini, will take place on Sunday, May 29 – starting and finishing at Newmarket's Riverwalk Commons, on Doug Duncan Drive. This year's theme: Kroyen! Retro. Sign up for the 5K or 10K Run or 5K Walk, and raise money for Easter Seals and children in the region with physical disabilities. For information see eastersealsrun.com, to register, download pledge forms, or begin online fundraising.

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CAMPBELL, Audrey Grace (nee Sharpe)
May 27, 1922 – April 24, 2016
It was with a sad heart that we announce the passing of our wonderful Mom, Nana, Nana, Nana who left us in the early morning hours of April 24, 2016 while sleeping. Loving Mother to Barbara (Steve), Allan (Rene) and Linda (Frank). Loving Nana, Nana and Nana to Todd, Christopher, Jason, Jonathan-Ryan and Jake. Loving Great Grandma to Zoe, Quinn, Cassandra and Haley. Special thanks to the caring nurses, PSWs and Staff at Lakeside Retirement Home, and more recently at Bradford Valley Long Term Care. They have provided... Celebration of Life to follow... date to be determined.

WOODCOCK, Merle John - Passed away peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Sunday, April 24, 2016. Merle Woodcock of Bradford at 91 years of age. Beloved husband of late Shirley (nee Chisholm) and will be lovingly remembered by his beloved Audrey Angelina. Loving father of late Gary (Rene), Lynn (Don) Foggo, Dee Dee Parron, Brad and late Michelle. Proud Papa of Gary Paul, Brent (Amy), Dean (Carolyn), Meredith, Courtney, Morgan, Lauren and Hillary. Cherished Great Papa of Blair, Eric, Ainsley and Kincaid. Friends may call at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for a memorial visitation on Thursday, April 28, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. Memorial service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, April 29, 2016 at 1 p.m. in Merle's memory, donations may be made to St. Joseph Regional Cancer Centre (Cancer Research) at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

In Memoriams | In Memoriams

VANDERPOST, RYAN GARNET
October 21, 1961 - April 29, 2011
In memory of a beloved grandson: Gone are the days we used to share But in our hearts you're always there Never more than a thought away Loved and remembered every day Hank & Betty Lou Vanderpost

WHITESIDE, Joanne
Another year has gone We miss you more and more every day Hugs and kisses to you and Danielle Love - Ron, Diana, Cindy & family

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MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Escape Room has become one of the hottest new gaming experiences.

It's a live action game, challenging participants to work together and solve clues to "escape" from a "locked" room, within a given time.

And given the challenge, the emphasis on clues and puzzles, it was inevitable that the family of Dan Kennedy and Jennifer Chown-Kennedy would not only try an Escape Room, but eventually establish their own "Bradford Escape Academy."

"It was about a year ago that we discovered these Escape Rooms," says Kennedy, noting that there are already about two dozen providers of the experience in the GTA, but none locally. "We're a family of gamers, we're interested in board games," and the whole family, including the couple's three children, enjoyed the live experience.

"The kids loved it," he says. "We thought it had to be something we wanted to do."

It's hard to find things to do in the community, says Kennedy, so finding The Escape Room offers families, and businesses interested in team-building, a unique gaming experience.

Bradford Escape Academy has opened its first Escape Room at 76 Holland St. West, Suite 306. Called "The Interview," the game gives participants one hour to solve clues and escape.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

From right, BWG Rob Keffler congratulates Dan Kennedy and Jennifer Chown-Kennedy and family at the Grand Opening of Bradford Escape Academy, as Councillors Peter Ferragine and Gary Baynes and Deputy Mayor James Leduc look on, in Bradford, Ont. on Saturday April 23, 2016.

The doors aren't really locked, explains Chown, and there's nothing scary about the experience - although she admits it can be intense. "We just came up with our puzzles on our own. It's fun.... It's such a good time!"

And a lot more difficult than it sounds. Bradford Escape Academy, so far, has a success rate of only 20% - "primarily because it's so new," says Kennedy. "There's a little bit of a learning curve."

"There have been a lot that have

come close. They just needed another 5, 10 minutes," Chown says.

Teams can range from 2 to 8 players; cost is \$25 per person. The Academy is open by appointment only, call 905-551-0189 or go online at www.bradfordescapeacademy.com to book. At the moment, Bradford Escape Academy has just one game, but the Kennedys are already working on a second challenge.

The grand opening of the family-run business took place on April 23.

MPP for York-Simcoe Julia Munro was among the dignitaries attending, and asked for more information on The Escape Room.

"I think of this as a kind of coming of age, that we've got this in our town," Munro said, praising the creativity behind the new business. Mayor Rob Keffler, accompanied by members of his council, thanked the couple for bringing "something unique, something different, something challenging" to the community.

Paul Rumbolt... telling the stories

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Paul Rumbolt is more than a talented musician, singer and songwriter. Through his travels across the country, connecting with ordinary people - fishermen, miners, loggers, old-timers from coast to coast - as a musician and United Church minister, he has also become a storyteller, and an authentic Canadian voice.

In the tradition of Peter Seeger and Stan Rogers, Rumbolt sings of loss, love, and the hard-working lives of ordinary folk - music that touches the heart, and sets toes tapping.

Rumbolt shared his songs and stories at Bradford United Church on April 9, in a fundraising concert - including the story of his first pastoral assignment in 1962, as a 23-year-old ministerial student appointed to a pastoral charge in Newfoundland.

He spoke of the "good old days" of an 82-year-old resident - only to be brought up short by a reminder that those "good old days" included

working from before dawn until after dark for starvation wages.

It was "that generation of really, really hard-working, honest people" that inspired him to write "Good Old Days," and the lines, "You can have them for me 'Work from dark to dark for pennies a day,' Rumbolt told the audience, as he sang music from his latest CD, *SongSmith*.

His repertoire ranged from original works, to a song based on a poem written by a Catholic priest, and the heart-felt "Seven where ever you are," written by his daughter Amanda, who used to ask him to "sing a story" when she was a child. The concert offered a great evening of entertainment, and a glimpse into the heart of Canada.

Paul Rumbolt will be performing at the Innisfil Live Music Club, 2208 Sidewalk 25 in Alcona, Innisfil on May 15 - a House Concert. Tickets are \$20 per person, and can be reserved by emailing ginnyc649@hotmail.com or calling 705-431-7182.



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Paul Rumbolt presents the art of songsmithing, at Bradford United Church.

